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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed 11 August 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.